GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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JOINT VENTURE BY GAIL AND HPCL
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have given consent to form a joint venture of GAIL and HPCL;

(b) if so, the objectives of this joint venture;

(c) whether this joint venture company is going to make available LPG in the city of Andhra Pradesh;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the participation of the Government of Andhra Pradesh in this regard and whether the Government is asking the company to have private participation; and

(f) if so, the policy of the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS(SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) to (c) No, Sir. However, Gas Authority of India Limited and HindustanPetroleum Corporation Limited have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on 19.02.2002 for preparation of a detailed techno-economic feasibility report to finalize formation of a Joint Venture Company for distribution of eco-friendly fuels like natural gas, liquefied petroleum gas and compressed natural gas in the cities of Andhra Pradesh for domestic, commercial and transport sectors.

(d) to (f) Does not arise in view of (a) to (c) above.